

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 15 are present.

The Examiner points out that "Claims 8 and 15 need to be placed in independent form and can then be allowed. The remaining claims should formally be cancelled."

The subject matter of Claim 8 has been combined with Claim 1 as indicated by the above amendment to Claim 1. In view of this amendment it is believed that Claim 1 is now in condition for allowance.


Claim 15 is dependent upon Claim 1 and thus is in condition for allowance.

All other claims have been cancelled. However, Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications directed to non-elected inventions and continuation applications to inventions otherwise not covered by Claims 1 and 15.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that Claims 1 and 15 are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

Bristol-Myers Squibb Company
Patent Department
P.O. Box 4000
Princeton, NJ 08543-4000
(609) 252-4336



Burton Rodney
Attorney for Applicant
Reg. No. 22,076

Date: Oct 22, 2003